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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT: NIGERIAN INTEREST IN NUCLEAR POWER
PLANT

REF: A), LAGOS 9529, B) BONN 13099, C) LAGOS 8977

1. MEPD, AFTER CONVERSATION WITH STATE NIGERIA DESK,
CHECKED WITH STATE/OES, COMMERCE OFFICE OF EXPORT
ADMINISTRATION, ERDA, AND NRC. ALL REPORTED NO CONTACT
FROM ANY AMERICAN COMPANY ON SUBJECT. (REF A PARA 2.)

2. NRC FURTHER STATED THERE WAS NO EXISTING INTER-
GOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN U.S. AND NIGERIA AND ONE
WOULD HAVE TO BE NEGOTIATED BEFORE SALE COULD BE MADE.

3. MEPD HAS ALSO BEEN IN CONTACT WITH ALL FOUR U.S.
MANUFACTURERS OF NUCLEAR REACTORS, AND NONE REPORTS
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HAVING APPROACHED USG IN MANNER DESCRIBED REF A.

MINIMUM SIZE OF BABCOCK AND WILCOX REACTORS IS 1,000 MEGAWATTS. WESTINGHOUSE INFORMED MEPD THAT THEIR MAN IN LAGOS HAD REQUESTED LITERATURE AND DATA TO BE GIVEN TO NIGERIAN AND HE HAD REQUESTED THEM FROM HIS COMPANY. A WESTINGHOUSE MAN DID DISCUSS THE POLITICAL SITUATION WITH SOMEONE IN SOME SECTION OF USG ALTHOUGH CHECK WITH

AGENCIES (SEE ABOVE) DID NOT REVEAL THIS. WESTINGHOUSE LITERATURE WAS FINALLY SENT TO LAGOS. WESTINGHOUSE AND GENERAL ELECTRIC ARE BOTH SENDING NUCLEAR SALES REPRESENTATIVES TO LAGOS DURING SEPTEMBER.

4. WESTINGHOUSE REP VISITED AF/W ON AUGUST 13 WITH VERY GENERAL QUESTION ABOUT SUITABILITY OF SELLING NUCLEAR POWER STATION TO NIGERIA, SEEMED SATISFIED WITH STANDARD REPLY THAT USG CURRENTLY IMPOSES NO RESTRICTION AND ENCOURAGES U.S. FIRMS TO RESPOND TO FMG EXPRESSION OF INTEREST IN PROPOSALS FROM COMPETING SUPPLIERS.

5. IN ADDITION TO THE FOUR U.S. MANUFACTURERS (BABCOCK AND WILCOX, CE POWER SYSTEMS, GE, AND WESTINGHOUSE), CERTAIN U.S. DESIGN FIRMS CAN BE EXPECTED TO OFFER NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS. (AS EMBASSY AWARE, BECHTEL HAS EXPRESSED SUCH INTEREST.) IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ONE OF THESE FIRMS IS THE COMPANY REFERRED TO IN REF A, BUT, AGAIN, USG AGENCIES CITED PAR 1 ABOVE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY FORMAL APPROACH TO USG.

6. FYI, SINCE REF A WAS LIMDIS, INITIAL DISTRIBUTION NOT MADE TO COMMERCE, NRC, AND OTHER INTERESTED AGENCIES. DEPARTMENT SEES NO REASON WHY FUTURE MESSAGES ON THIS SUBJECT NEED TO BE LIMDIS.

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